

Garden Time

Gardeners Catch Up On Information In January

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Perhaps the home gardener can take things a little easier in January than any month in the year.

This is a good time to catch up on your reading and to examine seed and nursery catalogs in preparation for your

spring planting needs. Examine your own library and check on any new books that you would like to add. Visit your public library and examine their stock of garden books. Don't neglect the older books because there is a wealth of good reading in many of them.

If you are not subscribing to one or more gardening magazines, you might want to look around for a good one. It should have ideas to help you in planning and planting.

If you have house plants with large, smooth leaves, philodendrons, dracaenas, palms, rubber plants, fatshedera and other similar plants, you may wish to improve the appearance of the leaves. You can do this by washing the leaves on both sides with a sponge dipped in soapy water and squeezed out.

Plan your vegetable garden on paper. This is a real good idea because you can have the variety you want and the quantity of each vegetable that you need to supply the family table. Visit your county extension office and ask for a copy of "Garden Manual." If he does not have one or if you live too far away to make contact, write

Loving Care



DR. Y. E. HSIA, director of the Yale-New Haven Genetics Clinic, Yale University School of Medicine, takes blood sample from George DeCarolis Jr., 10, of Groton, Conn., assisted by Anita Waters, clinic coordinator. An inborn kidney malformation caused rickets and stunted growth, which are treated by a combination of medical and surgical methods. The March of Dimes helps support Medical Service Programs for prevention and treatment of birth defects.

me and I will have one sent to you. You will find it to be very useful.

Prune fruit trees, bunch grapes, and deciduous and evergreen shrubs except the early flowering shrubs such as forsythia and spirea. Wait until after they bloom in the spring. The fruit trees and grape vines should be pruned every year. The shrubs as needed. Muscadine vines should have been pruned in late November or in December. However, if you have not already done your pruning, I would do this job as soon as possible.

Keep fall planted trees and shrubs well supplied with water when the ground supply of water gets low. This is very important if you expect survival and satisfactory growth of your plants. No matter how cold the weather gets, keep them watered except when the ground is frozen.

Have your garden soil tested with special emphasis on lime and phosphate needs.

If you know of shut-ins in your community, do something nice for them. You will be glad that you did.

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